



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** SHARTLE, ROBERT  
JUSTICE

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**For:** VACUUM LOADED TEST STRIP  
WITH STOP JUNCTION AND  
BYPASS CHANNEL

**Examiner:** Alexander, Lyle

**Group Art Unit:** 1743

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 22, 2006 in the above-identified application in which all claims were finally rejected. This response is being filed within two months of the date of mailing of the Office Action in this matter. The two-month period of time for responding to the Final Office Action expires on April 22, 2006 (effectively, April 24, 2006). The shortened statutory period for response expires on May 22, 2006.

It is believed that this response is timely filed and that no extension of time fee is required. However, in the event that an extension of time fee, or any other fee, is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to the Kagan Binder deposit account number 50-1775, and notify us of the same.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims.